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"The law of truth was in his mouth and iniquity was not found in his mouth, Mal. 2:6. "Ye shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free." John 8:32.

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INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S CONVENTION CELEBRATES 25 YEARS



MOTHER L. B. COFFEY
Founder of IWC

Nearly Twenty-five years ago the youngest National Supervisor of women in the History of the Church of God in Christ got permission from Bishop C. H. Mason, to create an International Women's Convention of the Church of God in Christ. This convention was to provide for the female constituency of the church their most unique opportunity for christian fellowship and work with one another.

Now twenty-five years later the women will meet in San Francisco, California to celebrate the Silver Anniversary of what began as just a dream in the mind of Mother Lillian Brooks Coffey, the founder of

the International Women's Convention. From May 20th through May 25th thousands of christian women from all over the world will meet in this Historic city trying to pay tribute to an organization that has done more to inspire women's work than any other convention of its kind. During this convention a special program has been planned to honour all those who have followed this convention for its entire 25 year history. On Civic Night the Silver Stars (The special Anniversary Committee of 100) will be acknowledged. The theme for this meeting will be "Better Homes, Better Schools, Better Community, Better World."

The Convention program will consist of an Institute and Workshop, A Post tour to Hawaii, A Civic Night, the Annual Roll-Call, the Morning Devotions conducted by Bishop

Crouch, and many other events designed to inspire women to faithful and effective christian labor. The Pre-Musical will convene Tuesday, May 20th, of the Convention. For information about the special convention Train, contact Sister Anna Ford, 1431 South Christiana Ave., Chicago, Illinois 60623. Mother Anne L. Bailey will be presiding.

Mother Anne L. Bailey, had been serving as President of this International Convention for the past 11 years.

She has given her very life to the church. A woman of distinction in her chosen field, she has carved a place unequalled in christendom.



MOTHER A. L. BAILEY
President I. W. C.

WASHINGTON STATE JURISDICTION SPONSORS PRISON MINISTRY

Elder Leo C. Brown, Jr., is the Evangelical President of the State of Washington. He is a dedicated young man, with a vision, and a love for God and his fellowman. He is well loved and respected in the State of Washington, not only among the people of God, but he's loved and respected by State and City officials as well, by the people in the communities everywhere.

Elder Brown has been involved in Prison Ministry for over seven years. He has been responsible for taking a choir and a group of Ministers to McNeil Island Federal Institution for men, and Purdy Treatment Center for Women. In both places the Lord has saved souls, and encouraged many hearts, minds, and spirits.

In April of 1972, Elder Leo C. Brown, Jr., proceeded further to

open a Half-Way House (Progress House) for men from penal institutions, which house, feed, clothe, counsel, and help find employment for men that are released in this area. Elder Brown feels that it's wrong to release men from institutions, and then throw them right back out into the world. This can be a cold cruel world sometimes, and Elder Brown feels that the men should have a chance to adjust themselves, to "get themselves together". So, he takes them into the Progress House, counsels with them, helps them recognize their problems, helps them set new goals, and gets them established.

Because of Elder Brown, and Progress House, many men that might otherwise have gone right back into crime, and drug addiction, alcoholism, have gone

back into the world to live rich, and rewarding lives. Elder Brown, and his most capable staff of men, and women, strive through love to help these men.

The Lord set His approval on this program, and after staying open nine months on faith, not knowing where our next meal was coming from at times, God touched the State Officials hearts, and they funded the program. Elder Brown didn't become discouraged during this time he felt that God had given him a vision, a dream, and he waited on God to open the door. God tested Elder Brown's faith in Him, but much like "Job",

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RUINS TO SODOM AND GOMORRAH FOUND

The infamous wicked cities of the Bible, Sodom and Gomorrah, were recently located by two American Archaeologists. The ancient remnants of these two cities are believed to have been located in a plain southeast of the Dead Sea. U. S. Archaeologist R. Thomas Schaub and Walter E. Rast located four city sites in the area dating back to the time of Abraham. Combined with one previous excavation, "all of the archaeological, geological, geographical, and linguistic evidence points to these five sites as being the five cities of the plain mentioned in the book of Genesis" the archaeologists says.

Sodom, one of the "cities of the

valley" is mentioned thirty six times in the Bible, and is often held out as a warning of the punishment which the Lord will bring upon those who neglect or sin against God.

Chedorlaomer, along with the three other eastern kings, made war on Bera king of Sodom and on the the kings of the other four cities of the valley (Gen. 14:2). Fourteen years later, the four eastern kings returned and put down the rebellion of the five cities and, after a raid to the South, returned and fought with the same five kings (vs. 8) in the Valley of Siddim. Those of the forces of Sodom and Gomorrah who did not fall into the pits of bitumen in this valley were driven into the mountains. It was on this occasion that Lot was captured, to be rescued subsequently by Abram (vs.12-16).

So great was the sin of Sodom and Gomorrah that the Lord was determined to destroy them, especially after Abram could not find even ten righteous persons in Sodom. (Gen. 18:20-33).

The manner of destruction of the cities of the valley is suggested by the accounts of ancient writers, and modern investigations furnished credence to their reports. That fire played a major part in the catastrophe is indicated by the biblical account (Gen. 19:24-28).

Investigations conducted by geologists for oil companies have revealed abundant traces of petroleum (as well as of gas and exudations of bitumen) in the area around Jebel Usdum.

Noteworthy is the statement in Genesis 19:28, that Abraham,

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HEALED BY FAITH

A TESTIMONY FROM THE TRUE VINE CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST, II

Indianola, Mississippi

If you are sick and the doctor say he can't do any good, that don't have to be the end. God is yet working miracles, He is God and He change not. Sometime ago, I became ill in 1974, I was in the hospital twice. The doctor said, I had heart trouble, high blood, sugar diabetics and I had to have all of my teeth pulled.

I went back to him the next time and I could not walk unless someone helped me. I was on a stick, the doctor said, I had a sugar stroke. I yet had to drag the right leg. He said, he could not do anything to help me with the stroke. I was down in the bed for nine months. I could not turn over unless someone helped me.

The 29th day of December 1974, my husband took me to church and I stayed all day, even for night service, God spoke and told me to leap for joy. I obeyed the voice of the Lord and I leaped and He healed me that same night. I have not had a pain since the 29th day of December, 1974. I have been walking, doing my housework as never before. I have been saved, and sanctified every since 1952, baptised with the Holy Ghost and that with fire, but I have never been that sick before in my life. I am glad to know and witness that God is a healer. I have faith and hope in the word, faith is what we need to hold on to God.

In my conclusion, I thank God for my lovely pastor, Elder David Mitchell and his companion. I am your sister in the Lord, Mrs. Hattie Martin; Belzoni, Miss.

Sister Alberta Miles, Reporter

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Special Guest Editorial

MY FORTY YEARS IN THE MINISTRY

Farewell Sermon by
William R. Buitendrop
Leading Pastor in North Tarrytown

"I have told the glad news of deliverance in the great congregation: lo, I have not restrained my lips, as thou knowest, O Lord. I have not hid thy saving help within my heart, I have spoken of thy faithfulness and salvation; I have not concealed thy steadfast love and faithfulness from the great congregation. . ." (Psalm 40)

One night when I was in the seminary I read these words again and they seemed to stand out from the page with a new meaning. I underscored them with my pen and said to myself, "Some day I would like to use these words as a part of my farewell sermon to my people." Now after more than forty years these words come back to me as a sort of valedictory to my years of ministry as a servant of my Lord Jesus Christ.

Forty years ago last July, I was ordained to the Christian ministry which began in the little historic church in Middleburg, New York. The church was erected in 1786, the first house of worship for this congregation having been burned in the Johnson-Brandt raid during the Revolutionary War. Jeannette and I came there as bride and groom to make our first home together in a lovely old manse on the bank of the Schoharie River. Here a patient and kind congregation took a couple of neophytes under their wing and began to induct us in a post-graduate training for the pastorate that no seminary could ever give its students. The love and affection that was shared in our first parish for twenty-two years has never left our hearts.

But time marches on, and we accepted the invitation of this congregation in 1952 to become its pastor. And now there is the sound of distant drums calling us, and we must move on.

Standing here at the gateway of our years - four decades of them does offer us a moment to reflect as it seems the Psalmist had done, and to respond with some of those thoughts that have registered so deeply in both heart and mind.

By the grace of God I have been called to a most rewarding and satisfying work as a minister of Jesus Christ, and as a pastor, or shepherd of his people. I must confess that many a time I have felt jealous of the people about me with their 40 hour week, and with only one boss to satisfy.

The ministry is a many faceted occupation. A minister has to make as many calls as a doctor, shake as many hands as a politician, prepare as many briefs as a lawyer, see as many people as a specialist. He has to be as good an executive as a college president, and as good a financier as a banker, and in the midst of it all, he has to be so good a diplomat that he could umpire a baseball game between the Knights of Columbus and the Klu Klux Klan.

The ministry is a free life, and yet it is a confining life. It is free in that you generally set your own schedule, and to a certain extent control your own time. You punch no clock, you turn in no detailed reports of your activities, yet you are expected to be on call 24 hours a day, 7 days in a week, 52 weeks in the year. There is no list of responsibilities handed you, yet you had better fulfill them all. You are not your own. Neither is your family, your home, your car, your time. A lady who was brought up in a manse wrote a book of her experiences. The opening sentence in her book reads "Every other child in the world has but two parents, but a minister's children have 300 to help bring them up.

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TESTIMONY OF \$5,000 MIRACLE

Holy Greetings in Jesus dear name to the Saints everywhere.

I am glad to have this testimony about what God did for me. He is so wonderful. He blessed me in my distress. I once had an accident with my automobile and I did not have my car insured. My driving privilege was taken away from me and I could not use my car and it was very difficult for me. Then I began to pray and God began to bless.

I told my Pastor about my

trouble and about my driving privileges having been taken away from me and he went and talked to the head man of the Motor Vehicles and my driving privilege was restored. Thank God for my Pastor, Elder C. Guidry, a man of God.

The damage of the accident was almost \$5,000.00 and I had to pay by the month to the State of New Jersey. Unsatisfied Claims Board and at times I did not have the money to pay. But, I can say that there is a living God, a God that can do all things. I began to pray and ask God for help and He heard my



ANSWERS
TO
YOUR QUESTIONS
by
Bishop J. O. Patterson
Presiding Bishop of C.O.G.I.C.

BISHOP J. O. PATTERSON Answers to Your Questions will Continue next Issue.

NATIONAL SOUVENIR JOURNAL

Dear Co-Laborer:

Greetings in the name of the Lord Jesus. Thank you for your cooperation in helping to make the 1974 issue of the annual Souvenir Journal one of the most comprehensive and informative books ever to be published by our Church.

This year we are planning and even greater publications of the Souvenir Journal which will include the progress and accomplishments of all prominent leaders, which of course includes you. The 1975 issue will feature CHURCHES, PASTORS and jurisdictions as well as prominent personalities within the Church.

It is important that each Jurisdictional Bishop and Supervisors inform their pastors, missionaries, churches and auxiliaries that it is to their best advantage as credential holders to participate in this publication, The last year of this historical administration.

The deadline this year for getting your material in for publication is August 13, 1975. The prices are:

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\$15.00 per ¼ page.

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Thank - You
Bishop E. H. Moore

cry and answered my prayer.

Not many days after I went to the Motor Vehicle office to pay more money and at that time my account was down to \$2,647.00 and I was asked to sit down and answer some questions. I was asked if I could pay \$1,000.00 and clear up the debt. Again I prayed and asked God for help and just a few days later I received a letter from the Motor Vehicle office telling me that the account was down to \$615.00 and I began to thank and praise God and I asked the saints to pray for me.

Oh how wonderful it is to serve the Lord. Then I received a phone call from Motor Vehicle office with the good news telling me to pay only \$200.00 and the debt would be paid off. Then I began to praise God and thank Him for His blessing. I then paid the \$200.00 and thank God. I am free and have a clear receipt from the court. Again I thank God for my Pastor, Elder C. Guidry, a man of faith. He often tells me to have faith and today I know that God is real because He made a way for me. I am your Brother in Christ. M. D. Lee

RELIGIOUS GUILD CONFERS FOUR AWARDS



The following persons received Awards from the "Religious Workers Guild" during the Guild's 8th Annual Banquet held Monday evening November 11th, 1974 at the Holiday Inn Rivermont, Memphis, Tennessee.

Left to right: Mr. Ernest C. Withers receives Special Citation for serving the Church 19 years as National Photographer. Madame Emily Bram was presented the "Special Achievement Award" for 43 years of Distinguished service as an Evangelist missionary, and Gospel Singer. Bishop R. L. Fidler received Citation for Distinguished service as Executive Secretary of missions, and Mrs. Dorothy W. Exume received Citation for her Distinguished service as Foreign Missionary to the Republic of Haiti.

Dr. C. C. Owens, President and Founder of the Religious Workers Guild, made the presentations. Dr. Chas E. Smith, Jr. of Seattle, Washington coordinator of the International Sunday School Department was the Guest Speaker

A wonderful evening was enjoyed by all.

The President and Officers of the Guild wish to thank our Presiding Bishop and the General Assembly for the privilege of serving our Great Church for the past 15 years, and hope for a continued service.

Dr. C. C. Owens, President
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CHURCH NEWS FROM JAPAN



CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST MISSIONARY ELECTED PRESIDENT OF E C U M E N I C A L MINISTERIAL FELLOWSHIP

At the annual retreat fellowship, held in Northern Okinawa, Jan. 13-14, the Okinawa Missionary Fellowship (OMF) elected a Church of God in Christ Missionary as their president. Also elected were, a Methodist and a Quaker Missionary.

Bishop Archie Buchanan, Presiding Bishop of the Jurisdiction of Japan, and Pastor of the CALVARY COGIC, who have served as the official representative of the Church of God in Christ in Japan since May 1969, was elected President of the OMF by acclamation. Bishop Buchanan has been a member of the OMF since 1969, and has served previously as secretary/treasurer.

The OMF is ecumenical in make up and consist of 135 American missionaries, representing every major denomination in the United States. Richard Flach, a Methodist, was elected Vice President, and Robert Root, a Quaker, was elected Secretary/Treasurer. The three officers form the executive committee of the OMF. Bishop Buchanan is the only Afro-American active in the fellowship.

President Buchanan will preside over the OMF until January, 1976. He, with the assistance of the VP and Sec/Treas., will plan the monthly activities of the OMF, arranging for speakers, places to meet, and in June, the executive committee will plan for the annual picnic. All OMF members, their families, and members of the various congregations will attend this annual affair.

In addition to pastoring the CALVARY COGIC, Bishop Buchanan is directly involved in the following missionary activities in Asia: (1) Executive Director, GOOD NEWS Christian Servicemen's Coffee Mission; (2) Pastor, NEW HOPE COMMUNITY COGIC, Aki-shima, Tokyo; (3) Executive Director, NEW HOPE CHILD CARE CENTER, Tokyo; (4) Executive Director, GOOD NEWS Christian Servicemen's Coffee Mission, Songtan-Up, Korea; (5) Director of Missions, Hong Kong, China; (6) Auxiliary Chaplain, Fifth Air Force, Tokyo; (7) Daily Host on

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WITNESSING TO RELIGIOUS CULTS AND UNBELIEVERS

WITNESSING TO JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES

by
Dewitt Hill Association

THE BIBLE

2. The Trinity-
The word Trinity is a short form for Triunity. This is the biblically based doctrine that the true God is One God. (Deut. 6:4), a unity and yet manifested in three, tri-divine persons.

Thus, there is only one God, not three gods, but the One Godhead consists of the Father, Son, and the Holy Spirit, three co-divine, co-eternal persons.

The conventional proof of the Trinity may be summarized in the following:

1. The Godhead is one. (Deut. 6:4)
- 2a. The Father is a person. (St. John 17:3)
- 2b. The Father is Divine. (St. John 17:3)
- 2c. Hence, the Father is a Divine Person.
- 3a. The Son is a person. (Matt. 17:5)
- 3b. The Son is Divine. (As well as human.) (St. John 5:17-18)
- 3c. Hence, the Son is Divine
- 4a. The Holy Spirit is a person. (St. John 14:16-17)
- 4b. The Holy Spirit is Divine. (St. John 26:15-26; Eph. 4:30)

4c. Hence the Holy Spirit is a Divine person.

5. Therefore, the Godhead is a Tri-unity-one Godhead composed of three Divine persons. (See Gen. 1:1; St. John 1:1-3, 10; Luke 3:22; Matt. 28:19; Matt. 12:31, 32).

JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES

3. The Resurrection-

Jehovah God raised Christ from the dead not as a human Son, but as a mighty immortal spirit-son.

His human nature was annihilated and completely destroyed. Whether his body was dissolved by gases or still preserved somewhere, no one knows. (Let God be true. p. 40)

Hence, there was no bodily resurrection. He was put to death in the flesh and resurrected an invisible spirit-creature of the highest order. (Studies in the Scriptures, II, p. 129)

THE BIBLE

3. The Resurrection-

"And after eight days, again His disciples were inside and Thomas with them: then came Jesus, the

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DOES ANYBODY HERE KNOW HOW TO PRAY

by
W. J. Krutza

Are things pretty dead in your life, your home, your church? William J. Krutza offers a few simple rules that can make everything leap back to life again.

An energy crises exists in far too many churches. It has nothing to do with available fuel to keep pew-sitters warm in winter or to generate electricity to keep them cool in summer. It's a crisis in the lives of many Christians-a crisis in their ability to adequately tap the source of spiritual power. The powerline between heaven and earth-prayer- is corroded with cliches' and archaic terminology.

In most churches, not long after a person comes into a personal relationship with Jesus Christ, he is enlisted into some type of training program. Classes begin with basic doctrines and biblical information. He progresses into the methods of evangelism and pedagogy. He's enlisted into a church membership class. But teach the new Christian how to pray-who ever heard of that?

Of course, if a church holds to traditional patterns, the new Christian is urged to attend a midweek prayer meeting. Here he listens to seasoned saints pray. If he participates at first, often it's done in faltering language. But give him a few more weeks in this environment and he'll smooth out his talk to God in the language he has

borrowed from the cliché-ridden minds of the regulars.

Discovering the cause of our prayer energy crisis isn't as simple as counting missing barrels of crude oil. How have so many Christians gotten bogged down in meaningless generalizations? Why isn't the prayer life of most churches as dynamic as its efforts at evangelism? Could our desires to get people into the kingdom overshadow our interest in making their Christianity practical? Why have we been willing to teach people other aspects of the Christian life, but have put prayer into some type of mystical-spiritual category that only the individual and God are allowed to touch?

To answer some of these questions, the most natural place to start is with the prayers that are uttered in public worship services. This normally means an analysis of the pastor's prayers. If most pulpit prayers are any indication of the prayer life of the church, we are blighted with an overdose of superficiality. Far too often prayers are used as transitions between portions of a worship hour rather than as earnest conversations with God

In one church where I was a member, the pastor went through five prayers during every worship hour. Included among these was one labeled as the pastoral prayer. Unfortunately, even this prayer showed little pastoral leadership

or cognizance of the true needs that existed in the lives of his congregants.

This is talking with God?!

He prayed almost the same words Sunday after Sunday, only substituting the names of the sick and hospitalized. There was little adoration or worship directed toward God. There was no indication that he had been struggling with some of the awesome issues that face our world today and were surely being considered by many of his listeners.

If there was a world outside of the church, it was only mentioned evangelistically. Never once did he get excited when he prayed. Never once did he seem uptight. Prayer was a dull routine performed because it was expected by the congregation. His people had been conditioned to such dullness and knew little about exciting conversations with the Lord whom they claimed to know on a personal basis.

If pulpit prayers lack the freshness of an exciting encounter with Christ, it's natural not to expect much more from those who listen. If pulpit prayers are perfunctory performances, laymen will most often follow the same patterns. People have a great tendency to follow a leader.

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ARE CHRISTIANS COWARDS?

Dewitt Hill, Jr.

A true christian is not a coward. The genuine christian is governed by supreme laws which forbid him to obey many of the laws of man. Peter said: "...We ought to obey God rather than men." The Book of Acts endorses what Peter has said. Acts 5:29: "Therefore we cannot participate in every idea and activity authorized by man..."

Jesus said..."My kingdom is not of this world. If my kingdom were of this world, then would my servants fight." St. John 18:36.

Jesus chief concern was not with worldly governmental affairs. In Luke 12:13-14, one among his company said unto him: "Master, speak to my brother that he divide the inheritance with me." And Jesus said unto him, "Man who made me a judge or a divider over you. Jesus made his purpose or mission clear in Matt. 18:11 when he said, "The Son of Man is come to save that which is lost." Therefore, it was not their social or natural life that was lost but their spiritual life. It was James who said: "From whence comes wars and fighting among you?...Ye kill, and desire to have, and cannot obtain: Ye fight and war, yet ye have not, because ye ask not. Ye ask and receive not because ye ask amiss, that ye may consume it upon your lusts," (James 4:1-3). Paul said, "For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh for the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds, casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of

God, bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ..." Cor. 10:3-5 Paul further said, "No man that warreth (spiritual warfare) entangleth himself with the affairs of this life that he may please Him who hath chosen him to be a soldier." (2 Tim. 2:4). I know God's word is my guide. James said: "Whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God." (James 4:4)

Therefore true christians who have been born again do not sit-in, lie-in, shop-in, kneel-in, stand-in, or use any medium of unlawful pressure or force to obtain what is rightfully theirs. Jesus has promised to fight against wrong and sin if we give him a chance.

James said..."Where envy and strife is, there is confusion and every evil work." (I James 3:16) Jesus said, "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called the children of God." (Matt. 5:44).

I believe that every citizen should enjoy the rights and privileges alike, but if I am denied my rights as a citizenship, God forbids me to use force illegally to get my rights, even though the law grants them. "If any man will sue thee at the law, and take away thy coat, let him have thy cloak also." (Matt. 5:40). "If I regard iniquity in my heart, the Lord will not hear me." (Ps. 68:18). If I have sin in my life I am not a child of God. "And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned and have not charity, it profiteth me nothing." (I Cor. 13:4).

Regardless of how bitter the situation is or how hard the pill is to swallow, God said, "In all thy ways acknowledge Him and He shall direct thy path. Righteousness exalteth a nation but sin is a reproach to any people." It is sin that makes people deny others of their human right. By the same token it is a sin to use force or violence in order to get these rights or privileges. Christ Jesus has made us all free. What good would any of the rights and privileges do any of us if we loose our souls in the acquisition of them. Jesus said: "If any man would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me daily."

The race issue is a cross and we must bravely face it as Jesus faced His cross. He didn't fight back or try to defend Himself for He knew his rights and strength. If they wanted to crucify an innocent man, He was willing to accept it. His prayer was, "Father forgive them for they know not what they do." God has promised to generously change things for us if we will hold our peace and keep still and use only lawful means. If we cannot get what is rightfully ours, as citizens, through the courts, God forbids us to force or demand our inalienable rights regardless of the price. Freedom is not worth it at any price for God's plan is the only right lasting any gratifying price.

THOU SHALT NOT KILL

by

Rev. Edwin Arentsen

Editor:

Soon it will be anniversary time. An anniversary not for celebrating, but for crying. On Jan. 22, 1975, it will be 2 years since the U.S. Supreme Court said that unborn babies may be killed. They okayed abortion.

Our Constitution and our Declaration of Independence almost died that day. Some 3 million innocent babies HAVE died. And that is 3 million times that one of God's great Commandments has been broken. For God once said "Thou Shalt Not Kill."

Our forefathers, Christian men of years gone by, gave us a document of freedom for mankind: "all men...endowed by their Creator...in alienable rights..life, liberty, etc." Pagan men of this era have thrown our Declaration and Consitution into the garbage disposal. They have said unborn babies are not persons. Therefore "mothers" who brought them into being, and "doctors", whose artistry is to save life, may kill the little

ones. But of course the Constitution said the very opposite: Right to Life! Ignore God In the Holy Bible the Lord God called Moses up on the mountain to give him the Ten Commandments. Number 5 says: "Thou Shalt Not Kill". GOD creates life. He orders men to let it be! Hands off! Justice (or Injustice) Blackmun wrote "We don't know when life begins". Yet earlier doctors had testified before the Court that we DO know...that there is life from time of conception... from the very start.

The little ones are not persons, they say. What a cockeyed idea! They at least are alive. That's the point. Alive with Life from God.

I have read the decision. Sixty pages or more. They made a big mistake. They pretend there is no God! God need not be consulted! Seven men on the court said "may kill"...but how can they say that when God says NO!

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SPEAKING OF CHURCHES

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. I wish to express appreciation for the quality of reading which the Whole Truth gives us and commend you and your staff for the splendid job that you are doing.

I was impressed with the article "Speaking of Churches" which appeared in the last issue and I

considered it noteworthy to bring to the attention of the readers the accomplishments of our brethren while pointing out that it is not as easy for us as it is with some other religious bodies. I'm sure that this article was a source of encouragement to those who have labored and have achieved success in our church as well as those who may not have reached their goals.

I was personally encouraged inasmuch as our local situation was somewhat similar. I would like to share some brief details and also enclose a picture of our church as it appears on our dedicational program.

In addition to the information mentioned in our church history we purchased our church in a (as-is) condition and completely renovated it on an ALL-CASH basis. We are one of the few churches to our knowledge who have done it this way. Our congregation is very small and less than eight years old. We had prepared ourselves with the expectation of building a new church for approximately \$165,000.00 and were sacrificing to have a nice down payment and approximate monthly payments of \$400.00 when the Lord revealed to us that he had made a way for us to do it differently. We did not move to the newest integrated neighborhood of our area. Instead we relocated in an area where the community is stable. Here we were blessed with a structure which in it's renovated state has a value of approximately \$90,000.00. We have a spacious auditorium with permanent seating for 400, 9 spacious classrooms, a fully equipped modern kitchen, a all-purpose room 50' by 50' where we can accomodate 300 people for a dinner, a secretary and trustees room, a chapel, janitor's quarters, 4 restrooms and a spacious Pastor's study. Our facilities are adequate to hold state meetings and we will host our state Youth Congress and State Sunday School Conventions of E. Missouri and W. Illinois Jurisdiction No. 1 in this year of 1975.

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MINISTER RUNS FOR CITY COUNCIL

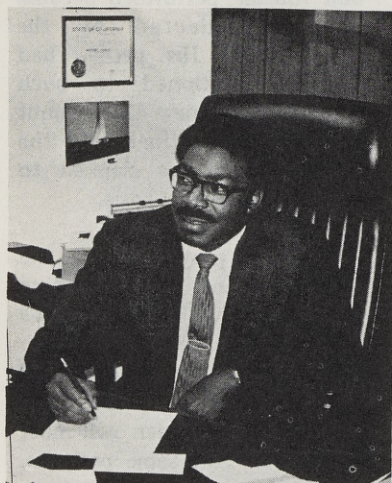
Elder Charles B. Mayfield, is a candidate for Los Angeles City Council- 8th District. Election is to take place on 1 April 1975. He hopes that church members will support his campaign and elect him as their next City Councilman in Los Angeles. It appears that if he is elected, he will be the first Church of God in Christ minister to serve as L.

A. City Councilman.

The 8th District was approximately 220,000 residents and the Church of God in Christ of Southern California under the leadership of Bishop S. M. Crouch has over 200 pastors and ordained Elders serving the people in this particular area.

Bishop S. M. Crouch has endorsed Elder Charles Mayfield for L. A. City Council-8th District.

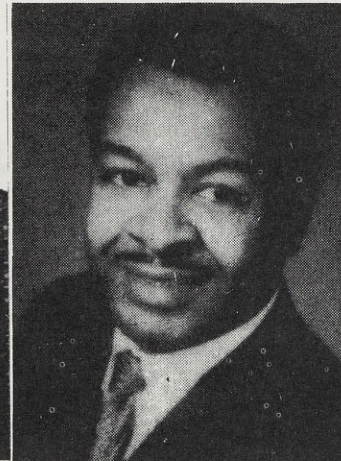
Elder Mayfield has served as Asst. Exec. Sec., Church of God in Christ Southern California, Pastor of Mason Memorial Church of God in Christ, an Officer of Christ Memorial Church of God in Christ, (Elder B. J. Crouch, Pastor) and Public Relations Director for the Mission Department, Church of God in Christ Southern California. Elder Mayfield has been selected to appear in Who's Who in Religion. Elder Mayfield grew up at the Temple church of God in Christ, Memphis, Tennessee



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OBITUARY

Life may be considered to be a quick journey, not a permanent home. A winding road, not a beautiful city of habitation. The enjoyments and blessings we have are only little inns on the roadside of life where we may be refreshed for a little while, that we may with new strength press on to the end-to the rest that remaineth for the people of God.

The Apostle Paul wrote in the pages of time "I have fought a good fight. I have kept the faith. I am now ready to be offered up."

Another soldier of God stands in attention waiting to hear the voice of God saying thy good and faithful servant, enter into my Kingdom of everlasting life.

The late Bishop William Wilborn was one of three children rewarded by God to the late James and Drucilla Wilborn.

Bishop Wilborn was a former resident of Jacksonville, Florida. In 1930 he migrated to the city of Albany, New York. He accepted Christ as his personal Savior under the late Elder Louis E. Parson at the First Church of God in Christ, 79 Hamilton Street, Albany, New York. He was a faithful member of this Church and served as a Young People's Willing Worker teacher and general Church treasurer.

He was called to the ministry and ordained in 1935 by the Bishop O. M. Kelly. He was appointed Assistant Pastor to the late Elder Louis Parson. expiring of the Pastor, Bishop Wilborn was appointed as pastor of the Hamilton Street Church.

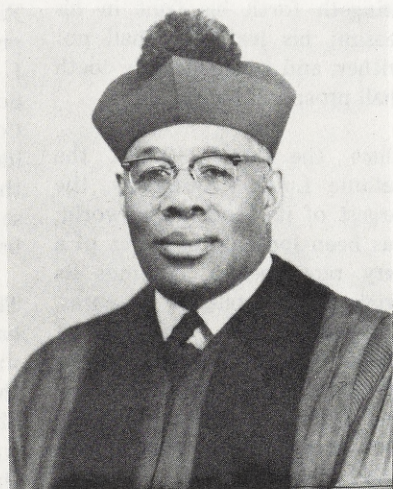
OBITUARY

Ennis Chapel Church of God In Christ of the Greater Richmond District salutes the Saints of God everywhere.

We give tribute, with sadness of heart, in reporting the demise of our late Pastor, Bishop Sidney Laurence Ennis; born March 1st 1893, died July 30, 1974.

Elder Ennis was born to the union of Mr. and Mrs. Adolf Ennis, in New Orleans, Louisiana. He was reared by his grandparents. He was baptised at the age of 13, in the Baptist Church. Entering the armed forces at 18 years of age, he served his country and was honorably discharged. Having a strong desire for a spiritual life, he reunited with the Baptist Church. He served in every capacity of the Church. Through his faithful service, he was elected Moderator of Washington and Oregon.

Bishop Ennis was saved in 1921, in Weed, California, while visiting Bishop I. Finley's Church at his absence. He was saved and filled with the Holy



BISHOP W. M. WILBORN

Bishop had a dream of great things for the Church. Through faith and prayer, Bishop Wilborn dream came to past. The Jay Street Temple became a reward to the Brotherhood of the Churches of God in Christ and also a monument to the Black Community of Albany. The Wilborn Temple Church of God in Christ stands tall as a landmark in his honor as an indication of a task accomplished for God.

Bishop Wilborn was the District Superintendent of Far West Eastern New York Churches of God in Christ. He served as pastor of Wilborn Temple and the Church of God in Christ in Hudson, New York.

Bishop Wilborn was consecrated by the late Senior Bishop O. T. Jones to the office of Bishop.

Bishop William Wilborn succumbed on May 10, 1974.

The memories of Bishop Wilborn shall never die in the minds of our city and state. While he was with us, he was a good example of a true Christian.

Ghost that same night. The service was great. The message that touched his heart was found in Titus 2:11-12 which reads "For the Grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men, teaching us that denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously and godly in this present world". He believed the Word of God and it had a tremendous effect in his life. After his great experience with God, his first message as a Holiness preacher was Psalms 111:9-11 which reads "Wherewith shall a young man cleanse his ways? By taking heed thereto according to thy Word. With my whole heart have I sought thee; O let me not wander from thy commandments. Thy word have I hid in my heart, that I might not sin against thee." His text was "Thy Word have I hid in my Heart". Through this message, one of his fellow-Baptist Ministers was saved.

God blessed and set His approval on Elder Ennis' work. Through his leadership, souls were saved, delivered, and filled with the

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

WOMEN'S CONVENTION

San Francisco, Calif May 20-25th

YOUTH CONGRESS

Memphis, Tennessee June 30-July 6th

SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

Portland, Oregon July 14-20th

MUSIC CONVENTION

New Orleans, La July 21-27th

READERS WRITE

EVANG. ROSIE LEE DAVIS

We are living in the last days, and there are many things that we as Christians should be aware of. I believe that Christians need to know about the evils that is taking place in the world today, that we may know how to warn our young ones, before they get started on the wrong foot. Many young people right from among us, are taken over by dangerous habits, all because they weren't told to avoid drugs. Now this isn't the case all times, but sometimes it is. Because of this the world has become a dangerous place to live. Our bible teaches us that troubled times would come, but he wants us to be aware.

This know also, that in the last days, perilous times shall come. For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, despisers of those that are good, traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God; having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof; from such turn away. II Timothy 3:5.

Apostle Paul's letter to his son in the Lord, Timothy. Warning him of the times and happened of the last days. What Apostle was saying was, I want you to know and be aware that dangerous times are on its way.

Mothers, fathers, grandparents, preachers and teachers; let us make it our business to know what is happening, out there in that cold world. Then we will be able to talk to our youth more affective, when we know what time to warn them about-whatever it is. We are losing so many of our children, because many are falling into the hands of the devil, because somebody failed to warn them. How can we warn our young ones, if we ourselves don't know what's going on. Now our youth know what's happening out there, but many times they don't know how dangerous it is to get involved. So it is left up to us to have that information. Read to stay in the know. Yes

we must pray, we must read our bibles, but we must not stop there, other good literature with information about the happening of today must not be overlooked. Sometimes special programs are sent out over the airway and televised on our television. Let us not close our eyes and ears to this information.

The last days are upon us, and last day happening are both stirring and shocking. Many beautiful young people are being tricked into using drugs, or obtaining jobs in massage parlors. How sad a life they lead, and many end up behind prison walls. No wonder the bible says that in the last days perilous times shall come. Perilous means dangerous. I am thinking about how dangerous our boy or girl can become once they are hooked on drugs. He or she will kill their own mother, to get money to buy a fix. He loses his love and respect for himself and any body else.

The young lady who gets a job at the massage parlor, is hired to become a prostitute. Once this happens it is from one sad story to another. So you see it is worth it to live so our children can see us right and they will believe in us, and trust us. When we teach them that which is right, some of them will hear. Those of us who have excepted Christ for our Saviour, we are so sheltered in him, that we really don't know what is happening out there in the world. I praise the Lord for the shelter I've found in Christ, since I've come to know him, I have been so busy in my church work, (when I wasn't sick) that if I hadn't did a little reading, I wouldn't know anything about some of the things that's happening in these last days. I believe Our God will be well pleased if we spend some time studying how to save the children. May God bless you and yours.

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THOU SHALT NOT KILL

A nation that disobeys God will not be blessed. You can be sure of that. If man does not serve his God he is no good, he is trash. Then might as well be thrown out. And get this: God does not have to do it. People do it to themselves; they kill their own! They wipe their own offspring off the face of the earth. And after that the judgment.

The Churches, who is to keep the people from such crime? Let the ministers of the Lord speak up and tell the people that abortion is mortal sin. Far too many clergymen have remained silent. The Commandment of God--Thou Shalt Not Kill--is AWOL (Absent With-Out Leave) from the Sunday sermons. If your pastor has not preached on this you better talk to him. For what can we preach in the name of religion if we can't preach against man killing man.

And then this insanity: Some clergy are not so sure that abortion is wrong. Did you read? A bishop went to Washington and testified IN FAVOR OF abortion! Pity the man! Any clergyman who is not convinced that abortion is wrong has no business in God's pulpit.

What To Do, we need an amendment to the Constitution...not to change it, but to affirm it. The Right to Life. Everybody. Babies too.

We can get an amendment if you will help. Join the fight against abortion. Pray to the Lord that people may come to their senses. Write to Congress. Tell the world that GOD SAID NOT TO KILL. We hope that you have not forgotten the God who made you.

Father Edwin Arentsen
Holy Cross Church-Wendelin
Newton, Illinois

IT'S FREE

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In the latter part of May, the Lord spoke to our beloved Bishop Stokes and told him to cancel all his prearranged Revivals and speaking engagements for the months of June and July and commanded him to go unannounced to any church he desired and God would bless him and Bishop would be received by the church. Bishop did as the Lord said and was greatly blessed by the Lord. Bishop Stokes went to places where he'd had no previous thoughts of going. We were in Hartford, Connecticut and the saints just screamed when Bishop made his appearance in Bishop Jefferson church. The Bible say once we're made free from sin, ye become servants of righteousness. (Roman 6:18). God will not leave us alone, if we walk upright we'll have more blessings than we'll be able to receive. Bishop Stokes also spoke in Bridgeport, Connecticut, and there was an elderly man there about sixty-years old who suffered from a stroke in his legs he walked with the use of a

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Church News

JESUS CHRIST IS LORD!!

GOD'S INVASION DURING GOSPEL FEAST IN ANSONIA, CONNECTICUT AND SURROUNDING AREAS!!!

The Young Women's Christian Council of the Williams Temple Church of God in Christ in Ansonia, Connecticut, of which Bishop C. W. Williams is pastor, sponsored a Gospel Feast October 20 through November 3, 1974 with Evangelist Francine Morrison of Fort Worth, Texas as the speaker.



Left To Right: Sister Annie E. Williams, Counselor of YWCC, Bishop C. W. Williams Host Pastor Williams Temple Church, Evangelist Francine "Reese" Morrison, Fort Worth, Texas; Rev. Julian A. Taylor of the Macedonia Baptist Church of Ansonia, Connecticut and Miss Shirley Black, President of the Young Women's Christian Council of the Williams Temple Church of God in Christ.

This feast was interspersed with The Feast of the Passover Banquet Saturday night, October 26, 1974 at the Actors Colony Inn in Seymour Connecticut. Both the physical and spiritual foods were served and God moved in such a meticulous way that even the management of the restaurant was moved by the Holy Ghost beyond explanation of words as people of every status, denominationally and racially were stirred with the message from God through Evangelist Morrison on the Feast of the Passover and her moving rendition at the close of. How Great Thou Art!!! Thank you Jesus!

At every nightly meeting, beginning at 8:00 p. m., including the Formal Banquet, prayers were offered, the altar call was made, and persons yielded themselves to God to the extent that the Proclamation came forth "These people are being saved, healed, and filled with the Holy Spirit in the old time way!!!"

During the meeting Evangelist Morrison availed herself to Macedonia Baptist Church where the Holy Ghost lifted the minister off his seat and many of his parishioners have come and received God's divine touch and are seeking the more. She also availed herself to the news media, television, and the schools having received the Holy backing of God and Bishop Williams to be as Paul, becoming all things to all men, that I might save some.

We have seen exemplified in Evangelist Francine Morrison's life not to be happy that the demons are subject to you but that your name is written in the Lamb's Book of Life !!! Hallelujah! Baptismal services were held Sunday mornings, October 27 and November 3 with souls being added to the church as many as should be saved of the which we give God all the Glory; for these moves are the Moves of God of which are marvelous in our eyes. Hallelujah!

Many people also rededicated their lives to God. The young women are encouraged along with Conselor Williams to go on as never before and the membership of Williams Temple has experienced a new awakening to the urgency to get the Gospel out; for God is doing a quick work and cutting it short in righteousness!

The church has received manifold blessings in every respect because of this effort sponsored by the Council and the whole area has been stirred to a new togetherness, barring nothing, and including only observing the Christ, The Son of the Only True and Living God!!!

We witnessed alcoholics coming in off the street with the spirits of satan and as the (Rhema) the living word of God went forth, God sobered them up and gave of them a taste of the new wine and the demon's powers were destroyed because of the Anointing and Power of God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Ghost they were set free in mind, soul, body and spirit!!! Hallelujah!!!

During the second week of the revival God made a clarion call by the Holy Ghost at breakfast with Sister Williams, to the heart of Evangelist Morrison, that she should meet with the members of the YWCC on Saturday, November 2, 1974. The meeting was as could be stated a Holy Ghost Brunch. The sisters beautifully attired came expecting from God as there was no set plan for the meeting other than its formal opening song led by President Shirley Black between the hours of 11 a. m. and 12 noon. The meeting lasted until past 1 p. m. with no one in a rush to go home unnecessarily.

Amidst the business per at hand of the YWCC the Holy Ghost power fell and not only was one member of said auxilliary saved and delivered as is written in James 5:16; but amidst us was a sweet sister of the Diocese of Bishop Williams from Boston Massachusetts who not only was reclaimed and healed of a terminal cancer the night before but at the Brunch the Lord baptized her in and with the Holy Ghost and Fire with the evidence of speaking in other tongues as the Spirit gave utterance. We are grateful to God for his works that are steadily marvelous in our eyes. Other saintly Bostonians blessed by God in the meeting were Sister Lenora Branch, her brother, her neice, Mother Hoyt, and our dear Sister Mable of Barbados. Testimonies of all

kinds are coming in as God has moved and answered prayers during the Great Gospel Feast. Following this great deluge of Holy Blessings during the meeting a delectable menu was served; therefore we ate spiritually, mentally, and physically. Hallelujah! God encouraged the group to seek him the more and do for him the more; for he is doing a quick work and cutting it short in righteousness; therefore, what we do we must do quickly!!!

Yes revival fires are still burning and we solicit your prayers always that God will use Evangelist Morrison to stir the pure minds wherever she goes even beyond our nation's borders and around the world as "God's Ambassador of Song", to spread His message in Word and Song!!!

Sister Charlie Doddie of Boston, was reclaimed!!!!

Sister Geraldine McFarland, Reporting and Secretary YWCC

Bishop C. W. Williams, Pastor of the Williams Temple Church of God in Christ, of Ansonia, Connecticut

Dear Fellow Co-Workers:

Greetings in His precious name! The task of Pastors and all Church members is to proclaim the Gospel to everyone everywhere! (Mark 16:15; Matt. 28:18-29). And this is a tremendous task, a task which requires each one of us to get under the load and do our part fully. If we are of willing and generous heart, we will find great opportunity to go the second mile also, and do that which someone else is failing to do.

There are many whose heart are glowing with love to Christ and His Kingdom--who would gladly give more to spread the Gospel to the dying souls if only their resources would allow. Is this your CASE? If so, it is important that you place your support where it will accomplish the most possible. The Church of God in Christ has been

"THE GREAT TREEHUNT" tree had vanished.

In tribute to Elder T. L. Westbrook on his 17th Annual Appreciation.

"And he shall be like a tree planted by the water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper." Psalms 1:3

Since the early 1900's, the Satanic Lumber Company, the largest of its kind in the world, has been looking for a tree of a very rare species. It finds its origin in the state of Arkansas, somewhere near the city of Dumas. There are several known members of the species but only one is said to have the rich sap that supposedly produces fruit year-round. The strange peculiarity about the tree is that its roots are strong and firm, gripping everything that is infinite in power and embedded in truth. It had been battered by many winds of doctrine storms: the trying winds have taken the opportunity to attempt to weaken the young branches; and the older trees in the area tried to discourage its growth by having doubt in its potential to prosper. However, in spite of the ridicule, the young and peerless tree kept on growing, reaching into new places, piercing the earth trying to stake its claim.

After much research and investigation of the area outside Dumas, Mr. Satanic finally found some clues as to the name of the species of which the peculiar tree was a member. It's name was Westbrook, and odd name for a species. The Westbrook species is really not one out of the ordinary; however, there is one particular member, T. L. (Tommie Lee), that seems to possess the long heard of and searched for sap. Immediately, Mr. Satanic sent for his most qualified men and asked for a complete investigation of this T. L. Westbrook. The men searched the entire state of Arkansas, but to their amazement, the little

The tree had been transplanted in the Northwest part of the country, in a small but growing by leaps and bounds city of Tacoma, Washington. It was moved by the Trinity God Head Union, a ETRG (Equal Tree Rights Group) dedicated to protecting all trees such as the T. L. Westbrook from being cut down by the Satanic Lumber Company. The Tacoma area was ideal for such a rare tree because the soil was well fertilized and several other similar trees had been grown in the area.

The Satanic Lumber Company has a sub-station in Tacoma since there were so many trees in the Northwest to be cut down. Shortly after the Westbrook tree was transplanted the spies from the lumber company had found out about it. They were sent to find out the width of the trunk, the depth of the roots, and to what kinds of rocks they were attached. The report was that the trunk was widening daily. It was rooted and grounded in the Holy Word, and attached to the solid rock, Jesus Christ. Upon receiving this report, Mr. Satanic felt that the mission was in vain, but since he had plenty of money and time, he could afford to wait and keep surveillance on the tree, maybe its roots would weaken or some of its branches would break off. Mr. Satanic is still waiting to cut the T. L. Westbrook Tree, but he just doesn't know that it is being irrigated by a well of water springing up into everlasting life.

The branches of the tree are really beginning to spread out now in 1974 and fruit is being brought forth continuously. After 17 years, the leaves have not withered and the T. L. Westbrook Tree still possesses its long searched for sap, the Holy Ghost.

Reporter: Deacon Dennis McCain
New Jerusalem Church of God in Christ
1102 South J. Street.
Tacoma, Washington 98405

operating for many years in many countries, and pastors and all church members went forth with earnest zeal to preach and to teach others the vital truth which have gripped their own hearts. But who can measure the far-reaching influence that even one Pastor might have? The possibilities are almost limitless as far as God's using the Church of God in Christ is concerned. Knowing that we must each one soon give account of ourselves to God (Rom. 14:12); let us examine ourselves and see if we are being wise and faithful Stewards who will be able to give good account. If you find you should be making that entrusted to you -- do more for the Lord, I urge you to consider investing your Gifts and Offerings in the COGIC Ministry.

We thank God and praise His name for the privilege to be in this great work of the Church of God in Christ. We are thankful for the help and support we sometime receive from those who labor with us through regular Gifts and Offerings, and through their prayers. I know rich rewards await such

stead-fastness! May it be to the glory of God, and may the name of Jesus Christ be manifested through you all. May we keep on receiving from the ever-flowing fountain of living water, and that we may be able to give more in days to come, for the sake of His kingdom. Pray with us, and for us.

Write me today:

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Sincerely,
Bishop S.S.M. Maimela

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Holy Ghost. He has instructed numerous preachers and missionaries. This man's achievement, through his devotion to God, and serving his fellowman, was manifested through his devotion to the Church of God in Christ.

His work in Oreville, California, Pittsburg, California, and Quincy, California, to mention a few, was outstanding. Bishop Ennis preached and organized many churches. God anointed him and gave him a double portion of His Spirit. Elder Ennis possessed a profound abundance of scriptural knowledge.

Bishop Ennis was Founder and Pastor of Ennis Chapel for thirty-three (33) years with fifty-three (53) years of pastoral experience. He previously served on the Ordination Board for

thirty (30) years; he was President of the Evangelistic Board, Vice President of the Mission Board, and Chairman of the Finance Board. At his passing, he held the offices of Pastor of Ennis Chapel, District Superintendent of Greater Richmond District, and Chairman of the Executive Board in State work.

Bishop Ennis was called to his reward shortly before the completion of a thirty-day revival which he was conducting. Each night the word came with power. He spoke out of his heart. During the entire length of the revival, he spoke from Psalms 51:1-5 which reads "Have mercy on me, O Lord, according to Thy lovingkindness, according to Thy multitude of Thy tender mercies. Blot out my transgressions". His text was "Wash me". It was a soul searcher and indeed a memorial within itself.

His passing leaves to mourn his lovely wife, Ardella, 4 sons, Sidney, Dale, Herthal and Willie and the entire church. This Great Ambassador of Christ leaves a vacancy that will never be filled.

God knows how much we miss him. He knows our heartaches and sorrows. He will grant us courage to face it. With God's Grace, we WILL make it.

Bishop Ennis served under the auspices of Bishop B. R. Stewart, Presiding Bishop of the Northern California 1st Jurisdiction.

God giveth, and God taketh away. Blessed be the name of the Lord. Pray for us.

Sis. Willa Mae Hunter Wright,
Reporting at Ennis Chapel.

IT'S FREE

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cane. This is the whole truth Bishop Stokes prayed for that sweet little man and through the man's faith and belief he ran up and down the center aisle. Immediately after praying for

the man Bishop told him to walk to his seat, which was three rows from the back, with the cane and was told to come back to the front of the church where he was only this time without the cane. Friends you know the Lord blessed that man to walk from the back of the Church to the front with the use of his two God given limbs, no cane and no help from anyone. Thank you Jesus, Thank you! I've only been in holiness for two years and I accepted it the very first time I heard about it. At the time I was nineteen years of age. I must say I've witnessed many miracles and been part of two miracles myself performed by God through his servant, Bishop Stokes.

I received this free and I wouldn't sell it or give it to anyone in this world. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death. Romans 8:2. My desire is to remain free.

I'm concerned about all Gods people but my greatest concern is with and for the young people. The Lord is looking for some bold soldiers to stand up and expound the goodness of the Lord. The Lord want someone who isn't going to take down, who's not going to compromise with anyone for no reasons whatsoever. The young people today are strong, once we find the truth and know for a fact its the truth we'll let the world know. We don't mind letting our friend know the things we use to do we don't do anymore. When Bishop Stokes first started evangelizing he had bus fare to get to the city where he was to run a meeting and an extra quarter. When he arrived at the bus station he realized he needed a little food in his stomach. He placed ten-cents in the soda machine and it registered sold-out and no dime was returned, the same thing happened when trying to buy a candy bar, no candy and no dime. There he was left with no money. The voice of the Lord spoke and said that's your motto, you're "sold out to

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SPEAKING OF CHURCHES

God has tremendously blessed and made it possible for us to have this building completely paid for and we have since purchased an 8 room residence across the street from our church to be used in the future as a parsonage. This building has been purchased and will also be renovated on a cash-basis. In addition we are negotiating to purchase an adjacent building and land approximately four acres which will give us a complete block frontage on the side of the street where our church is located. To my brethren throughout the brotherhood. I say that God is able to do abundantly above all that we ask or think. He has done great things for us, for which we are Glad.

Yours in Christ,

Elder Lemuel N. Moore

We Have....."A MESSAGE AND A MISSION"

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DOES ANYBODY HERE KNOW HOW TO PRAY

During the past year I have had some exciting experiences conducting concentrated prayer conferences in churches. Admittedly (and unfortunately) such conferences don't have the suspense-filled content that attracts people to a prophetic conference. People still get more excited about speculating on what's going to happen to Israel in 1980 than in learning to talk to the Christ with whom they plan to share eternity!

But it is encouraging to know that like the disciples who came to Jesus with the request, "Lord, teach us to pray," there are many people who do yearn to learn the "how to" of viable praying. The responses I've had to this teaching indicate two things: first, prayer can be taught; and secondly, people long to know how to make prayer experiences vital.

We begin a definition of prayer by noting that it is "natural conversation of a person with God"—nothing put on, nothing from a former era, nothing borrowed from others, nothing from the realm of fancy. One needs to express himself to God in the same terminology he uses in everyday conversation with other friends.

To shift thinking gears into another type of language hinders the natural expression of the individual's mind and will. To use a language as outdated as seventeenth-century school books has no special merit. In fact, it is a hindrance to the newborn Christian. To even call God "Thee" or "Thou" adds no special spirituality or favor. To talk as one thinks in the language of the office, of the neighborhood, of one's contacts with contemporaries of any kind—this is man's best prayer language.

Christ". Young people lets become sold out to the Lord. Get in the Bible and search the scriptures get more of the Lord. It's Free, you can sell out and still have more than those who are holding on to vanity. The Lord will do it for you, the Lord said "It is done." I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. I will give unto him that is athirst of the fountain of the water of life freely. (Revelation 21:6)

Come and let God free you when God free you no man can buy you. Remember, "And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely. (Revelation 22:17)

May God forever bless and keep you all remember us in your prayers.

Crusade for Christ Revival
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Secondly, prayer must express one's individual personality. No one can better pray than you. Your prayers must come only from the inner resources of your own life. They must express what is in your thinking—the verbalizations of your will and being. Present your personal observations and desires to Him Copy no one.

Express whatever is in your heart—be it love, concern, disappointment, bitterness, praise, etc. Tell God exactly how you feel. Combine this with your intellectual understanding of what life is all about. Thus you tell Him what is on both your mind and heart.

Thirdly, we must underline the idea that prayer is based upon a vertical relationship. Far too many prayers seem to be the preaching-to-others variety. Often this is true in churches where the pastor wants to preach a special point to one of the members of the congregation. He spiritualizes the experience in the language of prayer. On other occasions a pew-sitter wants to preach a little sermon back at the pastor or to another member. Such prayers usually receive an answer right in the room where they are uttered—a negative response by the recipient.

In tackling the great task of teaching laymen and even pastors how to pray, one constantly faces the problem of not setting up a new set of clichés! This can only be avoided by a careful listening to oneself. One must be alert to his forms of expression and to the topics which he discusses in prayer.

A missionary had attended a church five years ago at which time he heard the people praying that the Lord would bless the worship services, the pastor and missionaries around the world. On his second visit to the church recently, the people at the prayer service (almost the same ones and the same number that were at the previous meeting he attended) were still praying in the same manner for the worship services, the pastor and the missionaries around the world. They had never enlarged their prayer horizons and probably couldn't recall when their last prayer had received a dynamic answer.

CLEAR THE WAY FOR THE ETERNAL

"Clear the way for the Eternal!"
"Twas of this the prophets spake
'Twas for this the martyrs suffered
Hangman's noose and fiery stake.
"Clear the way for the Eternal!"
"Twas for this that Jesus came—
To our mortal life and living;
To immortal death and shame.

"Clear the way for the Eternal!"
Church of God across the land.
Here we have the great commission,
Here we hear the great command!
"Clear the way for the Eternal!"
Missionary, prophet, priest,
Through the forests and the jungles
North and South and West and East.

"Clear the way for the Eternal!"
In the mine and field and mart,
Social justice for the workman,
Comradeship of mind and heart.
"Clear the way for the Eternal!"

The church and the individual that keeps the prayer hour fresh is the one that constantly draws new subjects into its heart. It sees more and more needs within the world and looks at conditions not so much as signs of the times or some vague fulfillment of prophecies but as opportunities to draw people into the mighty working sphere of a living Christ. Such people don't have to reach far back into their experiences to describe how God answered prayer. They can describe events and happenings of the past week, of yesterday, even today.

In expanding either a church's prayer vision or the prayer vision of an individual, specific prayer always enters the picture. Those who pray in generalizations know little of the vitality of prayer. How can they? They can never point to any definite answers. If you want a definite answer, make a definite request.

Of course, this can be dangerous if you really don't want the answers that God might bring. Sometimes people pray in

general terms because they really haven't decided whether they want God to interfere with their way of living. When one gets down through the generalizations into the nitty-gritty of life, it is difficult to either bluff others or God! But when one gets to this level of praying, he senses that God is genuinely concerned. God loves the person who doesn't avoid the harsh details of life—especially one's personal sins.

If you want to maintain a puny relationship with God, that's your privilege. But if you hunger after knowing Him in an especially personal way—the way we mean when we refer to Christ as our personal Savior—then you'll be on the lookout to find those practical ideas that will rescue prayer from the theological realm and the rather dusty atmosphere of formal worship situations. The Holy Spirit will bring new insights to accomplish a more intimate relationship with Himself.

God wants you and the people of your church to talk naturally to Him. Be the part of His church that discovers the spiritual vitality this can bring. The people of God need not experience an energy crisis, but can be revitalized by an infusion of the power of God available only through prayer.

"Lord, teach us to pray."

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Cleave the brush and till the sod;
Clear the way for the Eternal
Footsteps of Almighty God!

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doors being shut, and stood in the midst and said, peace be unto you."

"Then saith He to Thomas, reach here thy finger, and behold my hands, and thrust it into my side and be not faithless but believing." (St. John 20:26-27)

"But they were terrified and frightened...Behold my hands and my feet, that it is I myself; handle me, and see; for a spirit hath not flesh and bones, as ye see me have. And when he had thus spoken, He showed them His hands and His feet." "And they gave Him a piece of broiled fish, and a honey comb. And He took it, and did eat before them." (St. John 2:17-19). John tells us that "he spake of the temple of his body" (v. 21), not His Spirit.

JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES

4. Salvation

"The ransom for all" given by the "man Christ Jesus" does not give or guarantee everlasting life or blessing to any man (Studies in the Scriptures, Vol. 1, P. 150)

Accordingly, the "atonement" provides only another chance for man to gain everlasting life by his own efforts.

Four steps are essential to secure

life and paradise; namely:

1. Bible study
2. Association with the witnesses
3. Change your way of life to their scriptures
4. Must be a witness and a preacher

The new birth is a privilege only for Christ and the 144,000 (called the anointed class). This class will be the only ones going to heaven and the only ones needing the new birth.

The "Great crowd" (called the other sheep) are not born again nor do they need to be because they gain eternal life on earth.

THE BIBLE

4. Salvation

"But as many as received Him to them gave He power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name..." (St. John 1:12-13)

"Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on Him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into judgment but is passed from death unto life." (John 5:24)

"And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness even so must the Son of man be lifted up; That whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have Eternal life. For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have Everlasting life." (St. John 3:14-16)

"Neither is there salvation in any other; for there is none other name under Heaven given among men whereby we must be saved." (Acts 4:12) (See Eph. 2:8, 9 and Titus 3:5; St. John 11:25-26)

"That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised Him from the dead, thou shalt be saved." (Rom. 10:9)

"For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; not of works lest any man should boast." (Eph. 2:8-9)

JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES

5. The Visible Return of Christ-

Christ Jesus comes, not as a human, but as a glorious "spirit-creature". No man will see the glorified son.

Hence, in 1914, Satan was cast out of heaven to the earth bringing to a close the "Gentiles age" and ushering in the Kingdom of Christ.

In 1918, the dead christians, sleeping in the graves were then raised with spirit bodies to join Christ. (Let God be true, Chapter 15).

THE BIBLE

5. The Visible Return of Christ-

How anybody can maintain this teaching and claim to have Biblical authority is

inconceivable. The Bible clearly states:

"This same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as you have seen him go into heaven." (Acts 1:11)

"Behold he cometh with clouds; and every eye shall see him, and they also which pierced him; and all kindreds of the earth shall wail because of him. Even so, Amen." (Rev. 1:7)

Other scriptures relating to the visible return of Christ includes: I Thess. 4:16-17; Matt. 24:36, 42-44; Mark 13:32-37.

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GLOSTER, MISSISSIPPI

Davis Chapel Church of God in Christ: Christmas fellowship dinner given by the pastor and wife, Bishop and Sister Theo Davis.

The usual Christmas dinner with turkey and it's trimmings were served in the mission house at the Church on December 22nd. Quite a lovely occasion was witnessed by all that attended. The occasion showed love we should have for each other, not only at Christmas, but each day of the year.

Mother Willie B. Woodard, Reporter

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CHURCH NEWS FROM JAPAN

"WORDS & SUNSHINE," Radio JOFF, Okinawa; (8) Auxiliary Chaplain and Advisor on Race Relations, Kadena Air Base, Okinawa.

The Coffee Mission in Okinawa is unique in that the Mission ministers to service personnel, bi-racial children, prostitutes, call girls and bar girls. The mission is financially supported by the Chapel Funds (Protestant & Catholic) of the U. S. Third Marine Division, U. S. Army, Okinawa, and the U. S. Air Force. The Marines alone have contributed close to 2,000.00 since January, 1974.

President Buchanan have set the following objectives for the OMF this year:

- (1) Re-vitalizing the OMF with the objective of getting all missionaries involved;
- (2) Discussions and studies on Ecumenism;
- (3) Closer liaison with Japanese missionary groups and organizations;
- (4) Putting a "united voice" forward on Spiritual and moral matters.

Bishop Buchanan has announced that the Theme for the OMF in 1975 will be, "Lord, Make Us One" (St. John 17:21). This theme permits and encourages the demonstration of genuine Christian love, compassion, and

fellowship towards all of God's children.

As an active Missionary of the Church of God in Christ, Bishop Buchanan is much in demand as a speaker around the island. He is recognized on sight by many people. His voice is heard daily over the only English-language Christian Radio Station on Okinawa, JOFF. Because of the outstanding support of the Saints, the Church of God in Christ is well known throughout Okinawa and Japan and Korea. Bishop Buchanan returns to the U.S. for the Missions Conference each Summer and when able, to the November Convocation. He is willing to visit any church desiring to know more about the mission work of the COGIC in Asia. Persons desiring to send support to the work in Japan may do so by "earmarking" their funds to the field through the Department of Missions, at the following address:

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RUINS TO SODOM AND GOMORRAH FOUND

looking from near Hebron toward Sodom and Gomorrah, saw that "the smoke of the land went up like the smoke of a furnace." For it to be seen from a distance, a heavy, black smoke seems indicated; and, with the ancient comments in mind, one may well associate the phenomenon with oil.

Thus it seems possible, even probable, that the destruction of Sodom and the other cities of the valley was brought about by a great conflagration caused by the ignition of petroleum see pages and accompanying gas. This may have been started by a stroke of lightning, which might be associated with the phrase "from the Lord out of heaven" (Gen.19:24).

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Elder Brown held on to the promises of God, and his trust in him.

After two years of operation Progress House Association, of which Bishop R.E. Altheimer is the Chairman of the Board, and Elder Leo C. Brown, Jr., is the Executive Director. Progress House opened another facility for women, which is also funded by the State of Washington, under the leadership of Bishop R. E. Altheimer. Bishop Altheimer is a very open hearted man, who believes very strongly in the progression of the Church of God in Christ, especially in the area of dealing with the whole man.

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